(d) the details of progress made by the Railways in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The modernization of Production Units is a continuous process and inputs into specific areas are also made as and when there is a change/upgradation of technology and processes.

(b) and (c) The funds allocated during the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	Machinery and Plant			Other Works		
Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
CLW	3.88	5.31	6.00	4.00	4.00	2.59
DLW	6.60	9.96	6.56	23.10	28.86	20.04
DMW	6.66	8.03	6.39	0.11	0.27	0.53
ICF	6.67	9.81	9.41	17.07	38.69	31.85
RCF	9.01	4.41	15.52	23.66	4.89	31.94
RWF	10.75	6.30	10.19	15.55	6.46	3.00
TOTAL	43.57	43.82	54.08	83.49	83.17	89.95

(d) Investments as above have enabled the production units to improve their production and productivity.

Expenditure allocated to Himachal Pradesh

1307. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of expenditure Railways has allocated to the State of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) how much out of allocated amount Railways has spent, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) State-wise record of expenditure on railways are not maintained. However, the details of the outlay allocated/expenditure incurred

during the last three years on the projects falling fully/partly in the State of Himachal Pradesh is as under:—

(Figures in Crore of Rupees)

Year	Outlay	Expenditure	Percentage
2003-04	34.15	45.33	132.7
2004-05	45.12	66.91	148.3
2005-06	101.08	108.38	107.2

Commission vendors

1308. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 404 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th May, 2006 and state whether Government would agree to issue vending licences to existing commissions vendors on payment of reasonable licence fees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Licences of catering vending stalls can be allotted to eligible applicants, who fulfill the criteria for such allotments as per Revised Catering Policy, 2005. Existing commission vendors can also apply for allotment of stalls as per the eligibility criteria.

Buddhist tourist circuit

1309. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have launched a Buddhist tourist circuit;

(b) if so, the details and purpose thereof; and

(c) the success so far, registered in this venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (b) In order to facilitate and make conversant the Foreigner and Indian tourists with Lord Buddha's religious places, a fully air-conditioned train with on-board/off-board catering and house keeping arrangements, road